

# US 93 FISH AND WILDLIFE CROSSINGS

## 8. Schley Creek Fish & Wildlife Crossing

### Arlee - Ravalli Segment

Schley Creek has good vegetative cover with potential to be used as an ungulate and small mammal crossing. Nearby developments may restrict use by some species.

### Design Recommendations:

Recommended crossing type: *Corrugated metal pipe or concrete box culvert*

Approximate dimensions: 12' x 22'

### Notes:

Continue 8' page wire fencing along both sides of road. Begin fencing north of Evaro; continue to East Fork Finley Creek. Provide cattle guards for connecting roads and driveways.

### Criteria for locations of crossings:

1. **Winter tracking** - NA.
2. **Summer Game Trails** - NA.
3. **Road Kill Data** - Tribal data from 1/95-10/98 combined with MDT data from 12/97-1/00 indicated 14 kills in this vicinity.
4. **Habitat** - Mixed woods and parklands adjacent to riparian corridors.
5. **Engineering Practicality** - The road is currently sited above grade and there is potential to accommodate wildlife passage adjacent to the stream corridor.



## US 93 DESIGN DISCUSSIONS

Project Committee:

Evaro to Polson, Montana

Montana Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation

Prime Consultant: Skillings-Connolly, Inc. - Consulting Engineers

